

REMARKS:

- 1) The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge the following formal matters in the next official communication:
 - a) the Formal Drawings filed on April 1, 2004 (item 10 of the Office Action Summary);
 - b) the foreign priority claim and receipt of the Certified Copy of the foreign priority document (item 12 of the Office Action Summary); and
 - c) the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 1, 2004.
- 2) In response to the Election Requirement, Species 1 relating to Figures 1 and 3 is hereby elected for examination.
- 3) The claims that read on the elected Species 1 (Figs. 1 and 3) are claims 1 to 7 and 18 to 26. Among those claims, claims 1 to 7 are generic to all species, claims 18 to 20 relate to both Figs. 3 and 4 and are thus generic to all species, claim 21 is specific to Fig. 3 and also relates to Figs. 1 and 2 (i.e. is generic to species 1 and 3), claim 22 is not specifically shown in Figs. 3 or 4 but generically relates to both Figs. 1 and 2, claims 23 and 24 are not specifically shown but generically relate to all of the embodiments, claim 25 relates to both Figs. 3 and 4 and thus is generic to all embodiments, and claim 26 reads on Fig. 3.
- 4) The specification makes clear that the embodiment of Fig. 2 can include all of the features of Fig. 1, and is additionally characterized by the side recesses (33) with an oxide or glass

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layer thereon (see page 13 lines 26 to 29, page 14 lines 8 to 19 and page 16 lines 1 to 6). The specification also expressly discloses that the features of Figs. 3 and 4 can be incorporated in the embodiment of Fig. 1 and/or the embodiment of Fig. 2 (see page 16 lines 8 to 18). This supports the generic status and claim coverage of species set forth above, beyond features expressly shown in the drawings. The embodiments must be understood in connection with the full disclosure (including the written description) thereof, and are not limited to only the features expressly shown in the drawings.

- 5) If a generic independent claim is ultimately found allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin, consider and allow all dependent claims directed to non-elected species.
- 6) Favorable consideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 28, are respectfully requested.

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